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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 33
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Pages 15
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
  - a. ☐ Executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

**[Note Box 4 Below]**

  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is  
considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Amendment "A" Prior To Action
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity Status
12. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document (s) European  
Application No. 02015710.3 filed July 12, 2002
13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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**RE: Proposed New Patent Application for Joost van Berne et al entitled  
"FLEXIBLE RESILIENT CLAMP DEVICE AND A CONTAINER  
COMPRISING SAID FLEXIBLE RESILIENT CLAMP DEVICE" - Our Ref.  
No. P03,0288 -**


SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c), I am filing the attached proposed patent application with 33 pages, 34 claims, 15 sheets of informal drawings, unexecuted Declaration; Information Disclosure Statement; three references; Form 1449; and filing fee on behalf of Joost van Berne et al, and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

On behalf of the inventor, I hereby claim priority from European Application No. 02015710.3 filed July 12, 2002.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,

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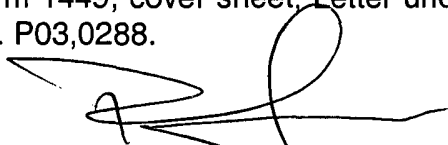
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Patent Application for Joost van Berne et al entitled "FLEXIBLE RESILIENT CLAMP DEVICE AND A CONTAINER COMPRISING THE FLEXIBLE RESILIENT CLAMP DEVICE", consisting of specification 33 pages, 34 claims, 15 sheets of informal drawings, unexecuted Declaration, Information Disclosure Statement; 3 references; Form 1449, cover sheet, Letter under 37 CFR 1.41 (c); and filing fee - Attorney Docket No. P03,0288.



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